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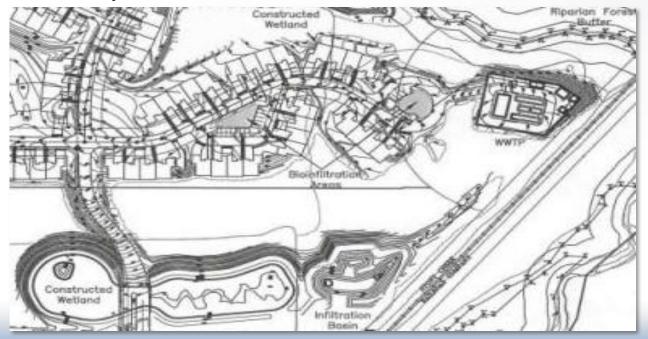
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### **LID Definition**



Low Impact Development (LID) is a stormwater management strategy that maintains or restores the original site hydrology through infiltration, evapo-transpiration or reuse of stormwater.

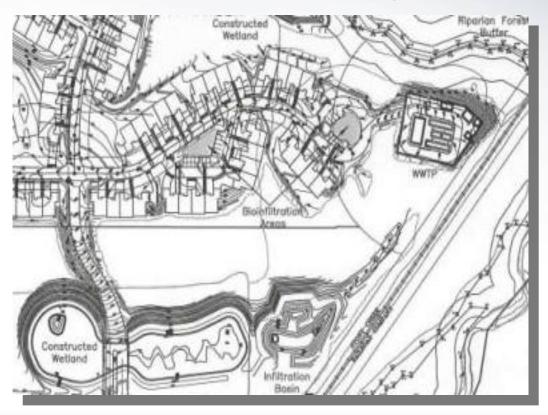




### **Better LID Definition**



### Keep **Rain Water** From Becoming **Stormwater!!**





### **Structural LID Strategies (BMPs)**





- > Permeable Pavements
- Stormwater Harvesting
- Bio Retention (Infiltration)
- > Rain Gardens
- Green Grid







### **LID Benefits**



- > Reduced Land Area Required for Development
- Watershed Protection and Groundwater Recharge
- Regulatory Stormwater Compliance by Reduced Pollutants, Total Flow and Peak Flow
- Sustains Existing Infrastructure
- Leadership in Environmental Energy and Design (LEED) Credits



### **LEED Credits**



- Construction Site Pollution Prevention
- ➤ Habitat Protection/Restoration
- Maximize Open Space
- Control Stormwater Quantity and Quality
- Use of Water Efficient Landscaping
- Heat Island Effect



### **Stormwater**



### A Growing Concern

- > 1982 1997 25 Million Acres was Developed (15 yrs)
  - 25% of <u>ALL</u> Developed Land in the United States
- > 2000 to 2025 68 Million Acres
- Stormwater is one of the leading sources of pollution for all water bodies in the United States

Urban Stormwater Management in the United States, National Research Council (NRC) Oct. 2008



### **Regulatory Background**



- Clean Water Act (CWA)
- National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) – Reduce Industrial and Municipal Sewage Discharge (Point Source)
- ➤ 1987 Section 402(p) CWA Address Pollution From Stormwater (Non-Point Source)
- > 1990 NPDES Phase I Rules MS4s > 100,000
- > 1999 NPDES Phase II Rules Small MS4s



### **Regulatory News and Trends**



### Construction Stormwater Discharge

- ➤ Feb. 1, 2010 EPA Final Rule For Effluent Limitation Guidelines (ELG) and New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Construction Runoff (280 NTU)
  - Aug. 1, 2011 Disturbed Area 20 Ac. +
  - Feb. 2, 2014 Disturbed Area 10 Ac. +
- Once Fully Implemented
  - Reduction of 4 Billion pounds/yr
  - Annual Cost \$953 Million



### **Regulatory News and Trends**



### **Post**-Construction Stormwater Discharge

- ➤ Fall 2012 EPA To Develop ELG Rule
- > What **Could** The New Rule Require?
  - Pre development hydrology mimics post development Hydrology
  - LID practices may be mandated through the state construction general permits.

"The lack of requirement for post-construction stormwater controls in the construction industry's general permit is a glaring shortcoming" and calls for "radical changes to EPA's stormwater control program".



### **Regulatory News and Trends**



- ➤ January 2009 EPA Determination Florida Numeric Nutrient Water Quality Standards (1st in the US)
- ➤ October 2010 Final Standards
  - Lakes and flowing waters
- > October 2011 Final Standards
  - Estuarine and Coastal Waters



### **Federal Guidance For LID**



- Executive Orders and EPA Guidance
  - Section 438 Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) Dec. 2007.
  - EPA 841-B-09-001 "Technical Guidance on Implementing the Stormwater Runoff Requirements for Federal Projects under Section 438 of the Energy Independence and Security Act", Dec. 2009 (Executive Order 13514)



### **EISA Section 438**



Storm Water Runoff Requirements for Federal Development Projects.

"The sponsor of any development or redevelopment project involving a Federal facility with a footprint that exceeds 5,000 square feet shall use site planning, design, construction, and maintenance strategies for the property to maintain or restore, to the maximum extent technically feasible, the predevelopment hydrology of the property with regard to the temperature, rate, volume, and duration of flow."



# DoD Leadership Implementing Section 438





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MEMORANDUM FOR ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
(INSTALLATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT)
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(INSTALLATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT)
ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR
FORCE (INSTALLATIONS, LOGISTICS, AND
ENVIRONMENT)

SUBJECT: DoD Implementation of Storm Water Requirements under Section 438 of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA)

Reducing the impacts of storm water runoff associated with new construction helps to sustain our water resources. In October 2004, DoD issued Unified Facilities Criteria on Low Impact Development (LID) (UFC 3-210-10), a storm water management strategy designed to maintain the hydrologic functions of a site and mitigate the adverse impacts of storm water runoff from DoD construction projects. Using LID techniques on DoD facility projects can also assist in fulfilling environmental regulatory requirements under the Clean Water Act. Since 2004, DoD has implemented LID techniques for controlling storm water runoff on a number of projects.

EISA Section 438 (Title 42, US Code, Section 17094) establishes into law new storm water design requirements for Federal development and redevelopment projects. Under these requirements, Federal facility projects over 5,000 square feet must "maintain or restore, to the maximum extent technically feasible, the predevelopment hydrology of the property with regard to the temperature, rate, volume, and duration of flow." Executive Order 13514, Federal Leadership in Environmental. Energy, and Economic Performance (October 5, 2009), directed the U.S. Unvironmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue EISA Section 438 guidance. DoD shall implement EISA Section 438 and the EPA Technical Guidance on Implementing the Stormwater Runoff Requirements for Federal Projects under Section 438 of the Energy Independence and Security Aci, using LID techniques in accordance with the policy outlined in the attachment.

EISA Section 438 requirements are independent of storm water requirements under the Clean Water Act and should not be included in permits for storm water unless a State (or EPA) has promulgated regulations for certain EISA Section 438

requirements (i.e., temperature/heat criteria) that are applicable to all regulated entities under its Clear. Water Act authority.

The attached policy will be incorporated into applicable DoD Unified Facilities Criteria within six months. My points of contact are Thadd Buzan at (703) 571-9079 and Ed Miller at (703) 604-1765.

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(Installations and Environment)

Attachment: As stated

"DoD shall implement EISA Section 438 using LID techniques in accordance with the policy outlined in the attachment."



### **EISA Section 438**

### Flowchart for EISA §438 Implementation

1. Determine applicability

Requirement: apply to all Federal projects with a footprint greater than 5,000 square feet

2. Establish design objective

Requirement: maintain or restore predevelopment hydrology

OPTIONS

Total volume of rainfall from 95th percentile storm is to be managed on-site. 2 Determine predevelopment hydrology based on

site-specific conditions and local meteorology by using continuous simulation modeling techniques, published data, studies, or other established tools. Determine water volume to be managed onsite.

Design water volume (to be retained)

3. Evaluate design options

Design water volume (to be retained) Requirement: meet design objective to maximum extent technically feasible (METF)

#### TYPICAL ON-SITE DESIGN OPTIONS

Bio-retention areas
Permeable pavements

Cisterns / recycling

Green roofs

Use any combination of on-site options to achieve the design objective to the METF. Document site-specific constraints.

Selected on-site design options

Selected on-graph options

OFF-SITE OPTIONS (optional)

Selected off-site design options

#### TECHNICAL CONSTRAINT EXAMPLES

- Retaining storm water on site would adversely impact receiving water flows
- Site has shallow bedrock, contaminated soils, high groundwater, underground facilities or utilities
- · Soil infiltration capacity is limited
- Site is too small to infiltrate significant volume
- Non-potable water demand (for irrigation, toilets, wash-water, etc.) is too small to warrant water harvesting and reuse systems
- Structural, plumbing, or other modifications to existing buildings to manage storm water are infeasible
- · State or local requirements restrict water harvesting
- State or local requirements restrict the use of green infrastructure/LID

4. Finalize design and estimate cost







### **Project Goal**



➤ Goal: Demonstrate the Benefits For Stormwater Volume Reduction and Quality Improvement Using LID Methods to Retrofit Two Existing Parking Areas

"Everyone seems to talk LID but folks won't do it unless they see it in the ground. Walking the LID walk was what this project was about."

Russell Moncrief, Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Stormwater Program Manager ICPI Magazine, Sept, 2009



### **Project Scope**



- Scope Elements
  - Design of LID BMPs
  - Pre and Post LID Stormwater Monitoring
  - Drawings and Specifications
  - Construction Management
  - Construction Quality Control







- Conventional Stormwater Design
  - Flood Control
  - Stormwater Disposal
- LID Design
  - Account for Flood Control
  - Maximize Infiltration for Most Frequent Rain Events
  - Stormwater is a Resource Not a Disposal Issue
- > Stormwater Stewardship



### **LID Design Considerations**



- Stormwater Management Objectives
  - EISA, Water Quality Volume, TMDLs
- Site Specific Conditions
  - Soil Properties Hydraulic and Structural
  - Water Table Elevation and Nearby Waters
  - Planned Development for Surrounding Area
- Design Limitations & Alternatives
  - Hot Spots
  - Topography
  - Adjacent Structures and Infrastructure
- > Structural and Non-Structural BMPs

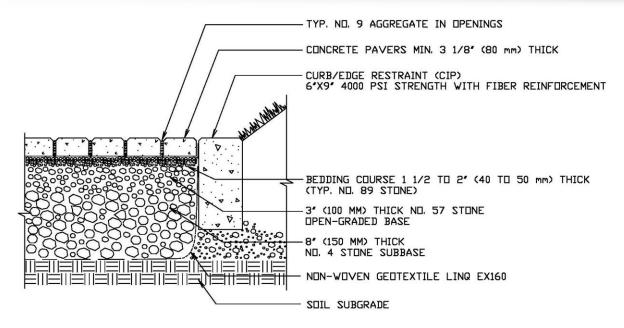


### **Fort Stewart LID Project**





## Permeable Pavement Design Cross Section



PERMIABLE INTERLOCKING CONCRETE PAVEMENT CROSS SECTION WITH CONCRETE EDGE RESTRAINT N.T.S











## **Construction Quality Control**







### **Geotextile & Aggregate Layers**





**Interlocking Paver Installation** 





# Finished Interlocking Concrete Pavement







### **Before / After**





### **Rain Garden**





Rain Garden & Dumpster Pad









### Parking Area – Pre LID

















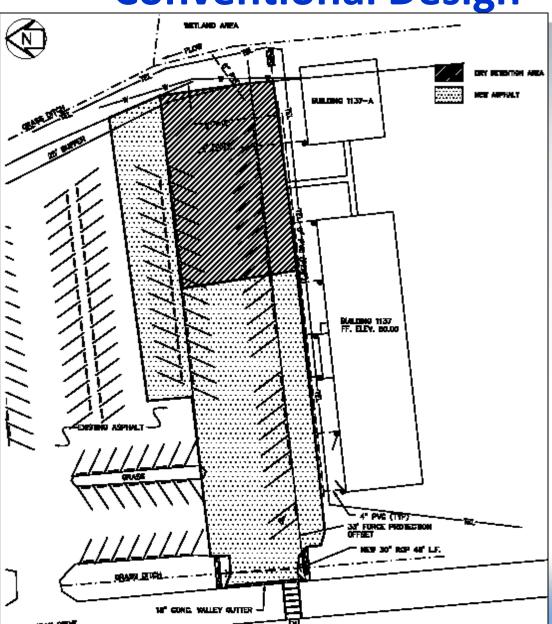
#### **Cost Effectiveness #1**



- Cost Comparison between Conventional (Impervious) Pavements and Permeable Pavement for the Retrofit of 22,000 SF of an Existing Asphalt Parking Area
- Minimum Service Life of Asset 50 Years
- Use Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA)
- Impervious Pavement Design Requires Stormwater Detention Pond, Drop Inlet Structures and Buried Pipe



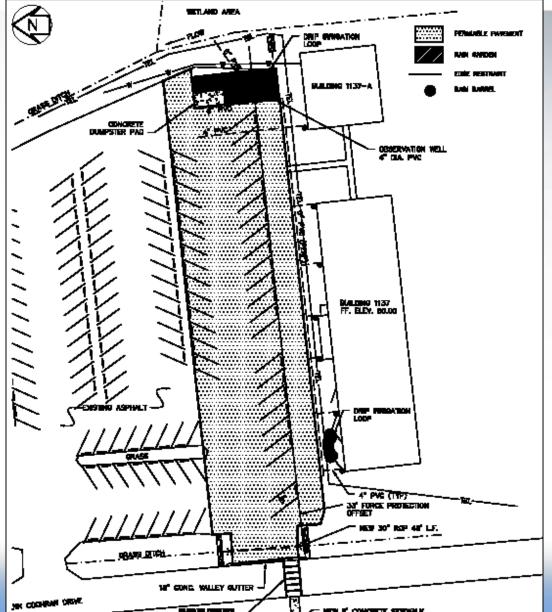
**Conventional Design** 







# **LID Design**







#### **Cost Effectiveness**





#### **Cost Effectiveness Results**



- LCCA Shows Permeable Pavements Are More Cost Effective Than Conventional Pavements (Pavement Alone)
- ➤ Land Value Associated With Smaller Development Footprint
- Stormwater Compliance
- Non-Monetary Benefits
  - Public Perception of Excellence in Stewardship of our Natural Resources which leads to Employee Productivity



#### **Cost Effectiveness #2**



- ➤ EPA Study "Reducing Costs Through Low Impact Development (LID) Strategies and Practices", EPA 841-F-07-006 (Dec. 2007)
  - "In 15 of the 17 case studies presented in this report showed that LID practices reduced project costs by 15% to 80% and improved environmental performance."



### **LID Benefits For Stakeholders**



- Improves Stormwater Quality Removal of Pollutants and Reduction of Peak Flows for most frequent storm events
- Environmental Regulatory Compliance (NPDES) Water Quality, TMDLs, Temperature
- Engineering Stormwater Design, Peak Flow Reduction
- Master Planning Land Use, Economic Analysis (LCCA)



## **Questions/Discussion**



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